

OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

Uruguay

The following information is provided only as a guide and should be confirmed with the proper authorities before embarking on any export activities.

Import Tariffs

Uruguay and its Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR) partners, Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina apply a common external tariff (CET) on most products imported from non-MERCOSUR countries. However, there are a number of exceptions in several categories including textile and apparel products. Tariffs, listed in the table below, are assessed on an ad valorem basis, i.e., duties are assessed as a percentage of the c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) value of the imported merchandise.

Uruguay (MERCOSUR): Tariffs (percent ad valorem) on Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

	HS Chapter/Subheading	Tariff Rate Range (%)
Yarn		
-silk	5003-5006	4 - 18
-wool	5105-5110	10 - 18
-cotton	5204-5207	14 - 18
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	14
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	0 - 18
Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	18
-wool	5111-5113	2 - 18
-cotton	5208-5212	18
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	14 - 18
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	0 - 18
Knit Fabric	60	18
Non Woven Fabric	5603	2 - 18
Industrial Fabric	59	0 - 16
Apparel	61-62	20
Home Furnishings including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.	63	0 - 20
Carpet	57	20
Footwear	64	18 - 35
Travel Goods	4202	20

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Import licensing--Certain textile products originating from nonmembers of MERCOSUR are subject to import licensing by the National Directorate of Industry - DNI for statistical purposes (in effect since February 2001). Import declarations for textile products covered by this regulation go through the red channel and are subject to examination of the documentation, inspection of the goods and the customs value. Footwear samples may also be taken by the DNI.

For information on local customs requirements and documentation, see:

- [National Customs Director \(Direccion Nacional de Aduanas\) \(DNA\)](#)

Standards

Local standards organization and other resources:

- [Uruguayan Institute of Technical Norms - UNIT](#)
- [Asociacion MERCOSUR de Normalizacion - AMN](#)


Labeling

The Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR) countries, which include Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, have adopted new labeling requirements for textile and apparel products produced in or imported for consumption into a MERCOSUR member country. The Mercosur Technical Regulations on Product Labeling Textiles (Reglamento Técnico Mercosur Sobre Etiquetado de Productos Textiles) requires the following information on a permanent label that is either attached, stamped, printed or otherwise affixed to most textile and apparel products:

- name or registered brand and tax identification of the domestic producer or importer
- country of origin
- fiber content
- care instructions (text and/or symbols, conforming to ISO 3758: 2013)
- size or dimensions, as applicable.

This information must be in the language of the country of consumption, but may also be in other languages. For more details see the text of the [Reglamento Técnico Mercosur Sobre Etiquetado de Productos Textiles](#) and the [Laboratorio Tecnológico del Uruguay - LATU](#).

For additional information on exporting textiles, apparel, footwear and travel goods, click [here](#).



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